

Emmanuel Baptist Church

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Weekly Schedule

Sunday

Sunday School, 9:30 AM
Morning Worship, 10:45 AM
Children's Church
Deacon's Meeting, 4:30 PM
Prayer Time, 5:00 PM
Evening Worship, 6:00 PM, FLC

Tuesday

Prime Time Singers travel to The
Bloom @ Bossier to sing at 10:30AM

Wednesday

Business/Prayer Meeting, 6:00 PM
TeamKid, 6:00PM
Student IMPACT, 6:00 PM
Sanctuary Singers, 7:00 PM

Harold Ashcraft
Music Minister

Denise Griffin
Children/Youth Director

Claire Pennington
Church Administrator

*"Rejoice always, pray without
ceasing, in everything give
thanks; for this is the will of
God in Christ Jesus for you."
1 Thessalonians 5:16-18*



April 18, 2024

FORERUNNER

THE JOURNEY

Our staff is continuing our study through Charles Swindoll's book, *"Great Days with the Great Lives."* This week, we looked at Genesis 22 when God called Abraham to offer his son, Isaac, as a sacrifice. Since we have recently celebrated Easter, these verses are extremely poignant because there is so much symbolism between Abraham preparing to offer his son as a sacrifice and how God ultimately fulfilled the sacrifice through His Only Begotten Son, Jesus.

Swindoll presents the question most of us ask, "Why would a good and loving God make a command like this of such an obedient and faithful follower like Abraham?" Swindoll explains that the Hebrew word used for "tested" is *nasah* (Gen. 22:1). It conveys the idea of proving the quality of something, usually by putting it through a trial of some kind. God wanted to prove the validity, the authenticity, of Abraham's faith. Swindoll states, "God knew the heart of Abraham better than Abraham did." God knows us better than we know ourselves!

God sent Abraham on a three day journey to the place He designated for the sacrifice. Along the way, was Abraham worried? Was Abraham praying and pleading for Isaac's life through the three days? Was Abraham confident God would spare Isaac's life? We cannot know for certain because the Scriptures do not tell us what was going on in Abraham's heart and mind during the journey. But we can be confident that God was with Abraham and Isaac as they made the journey.

God led Abraham to Mount Moriah. This very mountain eventually became the capital of God's chosen people, the city of Jerusalem. It was the place where our Holy Divine Father God would offer up His Holy Perfect Son, Jesus, to become our consummate sacrifice. Swindoll elaborates: "...the place where another Father held His Son loosely, laid Him on an altar, and sacrificed Him for us."

*Thank you, Father God, that from the beginning **You knew** that Your Only Begotten Son would be the Atoning Sacrifice -- and **You still loved** the world so much that **You gave** Your Son to be the sacrifice for our sins.
Saved to serve, Denise*

MEMORIALS and HONORARIUMS

In Memory of Seth Stanfield

By Denise Palmer Annie Armstrong

In Memory of Windom Wilson

By Billie Martin Flag Fund

In Honor of Jim Howard and Gordon Shaw

By Floyd and Phail Dean Jones Budget

In Honor of our EBC Church Staff

By Cheryl Jones Annie Armstrong

THROUGH THE BIBLE IN A YEAR

Friday, April 19

1 Samuel 11 - 13, Luke 7:36-50

Saturday, April 20

1 Samuel 14 - 15, Luke 8:1-18

Sunday, April 21

1 Samuel 16 - 17, Luke 8:19-39

Monday, April 22

1 Samuel 18 - 19, Luke 8:40-46

Tuesday, April 23

1 Samuel 20 - 21, Luke 9:1-17

Wednesday, April 24

1 Samuel 22 - 23, Luke 9:18-45

Thursday, April 25

1 Samuel 24 - 25, Luke 9:46-62

Friday, April 26

1 Samuel 26 - 27, Luke 10:1-24

Saturday, April 27

1 Samuel 28 - 29, Luke 10:25-42

Sunday, April 28

1 Samuel 30 - 31, Luke 11:1-13

We have found a great use for any "old" Sunday School Literature! It will be sent to missionaries around the world who will use it in their ministries. Please search your classrooms, homes and vehicles for outdated Sunday School Literature you can place in the box by the library. Thank you for supporting this worthwhile way to spread the Gospel!

Ladies Bible Study

Mondays thru May 20th 10:00AM

10 Weeks \$8/book

"Is This the End?"

by David Jeremiah

Please Note: There will be no meeting on Monday, May 6th



Deacons Meeting – Sunday, April 21st, 4:30PM

Prime Time Singers – Singing at The Bloom in Bossier, Tuesday, April 23rd at 10:30AM. Meet at the church at 10:00AM to ride the van.

Monthly Business Meeting – Wednesday, April 24th, 6:00PM



Our goal for the Annie Armstrong North American Missions offering was \$7,000 this year. We surpassed our goal with \$7,232 so far!!!! This offering will remain open through next Sunday, April 28th.

Bro. Scott will be preaching from Matthew 6 this Sunday, April 21st. So read your Bible, invite your friends and come for worship Sunday at Emmanuel!



Don't miss our beautiful photo backdrop for Spring pictures! Bring your cell phone and a smile throughout the month of April to make photographs and memories. Located in the EBC main hallway.